**Hawaii Under Army Rule**

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For three years Hawaiians lived under repressive Army rule and without any constitutional protections. Police State USA Dec. 09, 2014. HAWAII Islands suffered under nearly three years of martial law from 1941-1944; so oppressive that it was later described by a federal judge as a military dictatorship. All manner of civilian liberties were replaced by oppressive military orders enforced by American soldiers. The dark period of Hawaiian history began on December 7, 1941, with the massive surprise attack of Japanese bombers on the U.S. Naval Base Pearl Harbor.